



TOOLBOX OF IDEAS

Give Me Five! Strategy

Good readers continually ask questions while reading. Poor readers merely move their eyes across the page. The graphic organizer Give Me Five helps students remember five critical questions to ask while reading. This strategy invites those struggling readers to stay focused, engaged and thinking as they read.

Step by Step

1. Give students a copy of a hand or they can trace their own hands to create a graphic organizer.
2. Instruct students to respond to the following questions as they read. They should use one finger for each question.
 - What mental pictures do I see? (visualization)
 - What does this remind me of? (connections)
 - What do I know now, even though I wasn't told the information in the text? (inference)
 - What might happen next? (prediction)
 - What was this mostly about?(summary/conclusion)

MODIFICATION:

- Use after reading - instead of a during reading strategy, have students reflect on either their reading or their learning after reading.

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